

Use this chart to help you work out what type of accommodation is best for you:

	How much will it cost?	How do I get a place?	What rights will I have?
<b>Renting privately</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ usually much more expensive than council places</li> <li>■ bills and council tax usually paid separately</li> <li>■ deposit and rent in advance needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ usually lots of places to choose from available through letting agencies, websites, local papers and shop windows</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ most tenancies last for six or 12 months</li> <li>■ landlord doesn't usually need a reason to evict, but must follow procedures</li> <li>■ sharing with the landlord gives fewer rights</li> </ul>
<b>Council housing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ usually the cheapest way to rent</li> <li>■ bills and council tax paid separately</li> <li>■ no deposit needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ very few places available</li> <li>■ usually a long waiting list</li> <li>■ some people not eligible</li> <li>■ get an application form from the council</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ most tenancies have no end date</li> <li>■ introductory / demoted tenants easy to evict</li> <li>■ secure tenants have much stronger rights</li> </ul>
<b>Housing associations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ usually cheaper than renting privately but more expensive than council housing</li> <li>■ bills and council tax usually paid separately</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ few places available</li> <li>■ most properties go to people on council's waiting list</li> <li>■ direct applications sometimes accepted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ most tenancies have no end date</li> <li>■ different tenancy types give different rights</li> <li>■ if support provided, tenants easy to evict</li> </ul>
<b>Home ownership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ the most expensive option, but prices vary</li> <li>■ regular income required to get a mortgage</li> <li>■ lots of extra costs</li> <li>■ owners pay for all repairs</li> <li>■ may be ground rent and service charge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ lots of choice in most areas</li> <li>■ most places sold through estate agents</li> <li>■ check local papers and property websites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ most flats are leasehold and most houses are freehold—this affects rights</li> <li>■ eviction less likely but still possible if you don't keep up your mortgage repayments</li> </ul>

<b>Supported housing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ usually more expensive than other rented housing, but help sometimes available</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ many schemes specialise in areas such as drug or alcohol dependency</li> <li>■ there's often a waiting list</li> <li>■ often an interview to get in</li> <li>■ helps if an adviser refers you</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ most tenancies end when extra support is no longer needed</li> <li>■ rights vary, but are usually quite limited</li> </ul>
<b>Foyers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ expensive, but financial help is often available</li> <li>■ services, bills and meals often extra</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ normally a waiting list</li> <li>■ helps if an adviser refers you</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ training and careers help is condition of tenancy</li> <li>■ can be evicted if you cause problems</li> </ul>

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